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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO PANAMA TREATY SIGNING CEREMONY

REF: STATE 202611

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME AT LUNCH TODAY THAT
TORRIJOS CALLED MORALES BERMUDEZ THIS MORNING TO URGE
ACCEPTANCE OF THE INVITATION. MORALES BERMUDEZ IN TURN
ASKED DE LA PUENTE TO GIVE HIM A CONSIDERED RECOMMENDATION
ON MONDAY.

2. THE MINISTER SAID HE WAS UNEASY ABOUT TWO ASPECTS
OF THE DRAFT TREATY: THE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE TOLL
INCREASES DAMAGING TO PERU'S ECONOMY AND THE SECURITY
ARRANGEMENTS. (PRIME MINISTER ARBULU,
IN HIS TALK WITH SENATORS HOLLINGS AND SCOTT THIS
MORNING, ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ON THE FIRST POINT BUT
DISMISSED THE SECOND, NOTING THAT PANAMANIAN ACTION TO
CLOSE THE CANAL ONCE A NEW TREATY IS IN FORCE WOULD BE
"INSANE".) I EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE REFERENCE TO THE
SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, SAID THAT THESE WERE WELL COVERED
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BY THE PROPOSED NEUTRALITY TREATY AND OFFERED TO DIS-
CUSS THESE PREOCCUPATIONS IN DETAIL. I ALSO NOTED MY
VIEW THAT THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN
THIS EVENT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BOTH SIDES.

3. DE LA PUENTE THEN ASKED IF MORALES BERMUDEZ COULD
LOOK FORWARD TO ANYTHING MORE THAN A BRIEF PROTOCOL

VISIT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. I SAID I WAS UNABLE TO
SPEAK AS TO THE LENGTH OF THE MEETING BUT THAT SURELY
MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE WOULD BE RAISED.

4. COMMENT: I ASSUME THE LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER
OFFERING TO SCHEDULE A BILATERAL WILL REASSURE THE
PERUVIANS TO SOME EXTENT ON THIS LAST POINT. MY
SENSE IS THAT THE SOONER THAT MESSAGE ARRIVES THE
BETTER IN TERMS OF THE DELIBERATIONS HERE. ANY GUIDANCE
IN ADDITION TO THAT ALREADY PROVIDED WOULD BE WELCOME
FOR USE WITH DE LA PUENTE.
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